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(TEXT) FRANKFORT-ON-MAIN -- THE DISCOVERY OF THE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE TUNNEL IN BERLIN-ALT GLIENICKE HAS LED TO A FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE SECRET SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. THIS IS LEARNED FROM CIRCLES WHICH ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COUNTERESPIONAGE SERVICE OF THE BONN MINISTRY OF WAR.

WHEN THE BALLOON OPERATION FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ESPIONAGE STARTED, THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN MAJ. GEN. ARTHUR G. TRUDEAU, THE THEN HEAD OF THE RECONNAISSANCE SERVICE OF THE AMERICAN FORCES, AND MAJ. GEN. JOHN A. SAMFORD, HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE ESPIONAGE. TRUDEAU PROTESTED AGAINST WHAT HE CONSIDERED THE SENSELESS SQUANDERING OF ENORMOUS SUMS ON AN OPERATION, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WOULD IN NO WAY JUSTIFY THE EXPENDITURE.

TRUDEAU'S PROTEST WAS AIMED INDIRECTLY AGAINST THE EVER-INCREASING INTERFERENCE OF ELEANOR DULLES, SISTER OF ALLEN DULLES, HEAD OF THE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE SERVICE, WHO IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE BUT WHO DOES NOT HOLD ANY OFFICIAL POST. THE ESPIONAGE TUNNEL ON THE SECTOR BOUNDARY UNDER THE SCHOENEFELDER CHAUSSEE NEAR ALT-GLIENICKE WAS BUILT BY THE SECRET SERVICE OF THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE AT HER INSTIGATION AND WITH HER ACTIVE SUPPORT. DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS ELEANOR DULLES HAS BEEN TO WEST BERLIN TWICE ESPECIALLY ON ACCOUNT OF THIS TUNNEL.

SHE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HER STAY TO EXAMINE THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE ESPIONAGE TUNNEL, (ON MAY 2, 1954) AND TO CONVINCE HERSELF PERSONALLY OF THE RESULTS OF THE TAPPING OF THE CABLES, ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1955.

MAJ. GEN. TRUDEAU, HEAD OF THE SECRET SERVICE OF THE LAND FORCES, FREQUENTLY VOICED HIS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE ESPIONAGE TUNNEL AS WELL. THE DISCOVERY OF THE TUNNEL BY SOVIET QUARTERS, WHICH WAS TO BE REGARDED AS CERTAIN, WOULD RESULT IN THE SOVIETS OBTAINING POSSESSION OF THE LATEST AMERICAN ELECTRONIC DEVICES, STATED TRUDEAU. MOREOVER, THE FAILURE WHICH WAS TO BE FORESEEN WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED STATES IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE OPINION OF TRUDEAU WAS, HOWEVER, NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES. ON THE CONTRARY, HE WAS REPLACED BY MAJ. GEN. RIDGELY GAITHER IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. NOW, IT IS STATED, GAITHER IS MORE AND MORE ADOPTING THE VIEWS OF HIS PREDECESSOR AND AS A RESULT IS LIKEWISE COMING INTO MORE AND MORE OPEN CONFLICT WITH ALLEN AND ELEANOR DULLES.